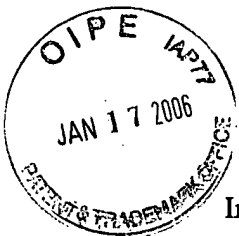


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37 CFR 1.28(c)(2)

Applicant respectfully requests errors in small entity status be excused pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c)(2). Applicant wishes to advise the Office that small entity status, as required by § 1.27(g)(2), was asserted in error upon filing of the above cited application, on August 19, 2003. The below noted fees for small entity were paid in good faith and without deceptive intent at the time of filing. However, it was recently discovered, due to a change of ownership, that small entity status is lost.

The undersigned is acting in a representative capacity, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34.

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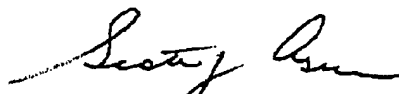
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☒ DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.L.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.

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